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murders and dacoities as political offences. He had to say that because the same argument was made in Bombay that people who assassinate do so for political purposes and men charged for these offences should be regarded as political offenders and not treated as ordinary offenders against law.

MR. P.O. THOMAS: Is not criticism of Government sometimes within the purview of the Penal Code?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Yes.

MR. P. O THOMAS: As the Law now stands and from the definition which the Inspector-General has given, is there any scope for any prisoner being a political prisoner?

MR S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: Of course. Detainees will be political prisoners.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the honourable member be pleased to give an instance in which a man can become a political prisoner?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: Detainees.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Inspector-General be pleased to state the Section regarding sedition and say whether it will come under political offences?

PRESIDENT: What is the question?

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the Inspector-General the ingredients of the offence of sedition?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: I cannot repeat the sections.

Control on the sale of used motor cars.

22. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether control on the sale of used motor cars is lifted in British India and in the States; and

(*b*) the reasons for not lifting the control in Travancore?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The difficulty of obtaining cars for use in the State.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the Inspector-General whether the lifting of the control will not ease the difficulties in obtaining cars?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: I will refer the honourable member to two recent publications in the Press. I cannot vouch for their truth because they are only press reports. In England they have asked for reimposition of control over cars. The restriction was lifted in Madras. But the Premier had to state that he will take severe action against the officers responsible for these speculative transactions in cars. That is due to the difficulty caused by the lifting of the restrictions.

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MR. P. O. THOMAS: What is the particular difficulty in respect of Travancore?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: The supply is very limited. Provinces are getting much more.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know from the Inspector-General whether the difficulty in obtaining used cars is greater in Travancore than in Cochin or British India?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: Probably so.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether any used car has been allowed to be sold in Travancore and taken to British India?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: No.

MR K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Is there any restriction in bringing cars from outside the State?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: No.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know when the restriction was removed in British India and Cochin State?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: I do not know.

Motor Vehicles.

23. ❋SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to state how many used motor vehicles have come to the possession of the Department since the used Motor Vehicles Control Order has come into force and till the end of Edavam 1121;

(*b*) to lay on the table a list of persons to whom permits have been issued to buy these vehicles and the persons who actually bought these vehicles;

(*c*) to state the name, model, registration number and the price for each; and

(*d*) to state whether it is a fact that these used motor vehicles are allowed to be sold to officers and individuals who are not very badly in need of them?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (*a*) Five.

(*b*) *Statement is placed on the table.

(*c*) *Statement is placed on the table.

(*d*) No.

Vehicles tax.

24. ❋SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the State Transport Vehicles are paying vehicles tax to the Government; and

(*b*) the total amount realised on this account?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 90,278-0-1 has been realised for the first half-year 1121. The amount due for the second half-year is being adjusted to accounts.

Vide Appendix.

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